

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 27, 2003 minutes

Shrewsbury, Municipal Town Hall

Present: Chairperson Chief A. Wayne Sampson; Cpt. Ashe; Michael Paika; Tristan Lundgren

Absent: John Wilson; Melvin Gordon Nicholas Pepper; Kenneth Polito; Arthur LeDoux:

Meeting convened at 7:06 p.m

Tonight's meeting will be informal and discussions only, since a quorum has not been met.

Discussion from the public:

Edward McGuinn (Quinsigamond Rowing Association)

- a. Offered their timing system and launches for the upcoming Canoe race
- b. Safety issues-suggested traffic pattern with regulations
- c. More education for the public, boating courses and courtesy

Chief Sampson- High school schedules for next year, especially Memorial Day regattas should be submitted to the commission.

M.Paika- patrolling to be reviewed and the use of a spot strobe is an excellent addition for safety

To register a complaint- contact Capt. Ashe of the Worcester Police (508 799-8674) or Chief Sampson of Shrewsbury Police (508 841-8577) or any other commissioner.

Commissioners report:

Tristan Lundgren: construction issues

- a. North Lake Avenue bridge (behind Fallon Clinic near Coldmine Brook)
- b. New homes on Wigwam Ave Hill-some sedimentation issues
- c. Extension to current order of conditions –vegetation management for Lake Quinsigamond based on last years performance

Major litter problem on Brownie Beach. Capt. Ashe to follow up and to increase patrolling.

Capt. Ashe:

- a. Reported the Worcester Police boat is actively patrolling which includes evenings

M.Paika: Observed- murky waters are getting visually clearer

- b. Spotted an osprey
- c. Acknowledged all the work and support from Nancy Allen, who has made the drawdown become a reality.

Chief Sampson: A short summary to date regarding drawdown.

Waiting for the stop logs to be put in place. Three weeks ago, had an emergency- 5-6' of silt at route 20 side of the culvert which needed removal before work could continue. Cost was \$1,500.00 above estimate and was given authorization. Advising the commission of this emergency situation.

- b. Received \$1,000 from Wheelabrator-Millbury Inc.- to be applied for weed control.
- c. Received letter from Rep. Polito re: repair of docks at the boat ramp next year.
- d. Patrol officers are dealing with homeless people in Shrewsbury and Worcester.
- e. This year, the patrolling scheduling was split between 3 officers (2 days each). Presently, the officers are checking all docks for violators.
- f. Received letter stating that residents in the area of 413 to 417 Lake Avenue, Worcester are

using re-circulating pumps. This is in violation of rule #15. A letter will be sent including a copy of the violation to the homeowners.

g. Received concern regarding placement of docks @ Lake View Landing on S. Quinsigamond Ave. Under a new management company- Cutler Management Property Company. After inspection, appears to be 150' length of dock and not secured properly. The north end is tied to shore and the South end extends 50' into the cove. Boats are tied up inside the dock area, clearing making a second row of docking which was not approved by this commission. The original plan states -dock to be secured to shore line north to south end. They currently have 14 slips, and 11 plates issued and in addition, are creating more docks inside. Speaking with new management company, seemed genuinely receptive and will:

- a. needs to remove boats from inside of docks
- b. move dock into the shoreline and properly secure southerly end
- c. move northerly end of dock up to property line

Failure to do so by this weekend, enforcement measures to be taken by the Police Department. Will follow up to review site and dock permits.

M.Paika: Last year same association placed a NO wake buoy without permission. Reiterate the importance to all Condominium Associations that they do not own and cannot deed water rights.

Chief Sampson- Vicinity of Canna Drive - a fallen tree 20 to 30 feet into the water
To determine owner and mail letter so removal can begin.

The Drawdown will affect the southerly portions of the lake- areas around Stringer Dam to Sears Plaza. Reminder, if abutter has plans to repair a wall, you must go before the Conservation Commission to obtain permit. All shoreline work requires review.

A.Ledoux: Absent

J.Wilson: Absent

N.Pepper: Absent

NEW BUSINESS –none

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th, 7:00pm in the Old Selectmen's Room (Conference Room B) of the Shrewsbury Town Hall. No motion is required to adjourn since this meeting was informal and no votes or decisions were taken.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Hemmerdinger